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(C) We delivered reftel talking points to Ministry of Foreign Affairs DAS for Russia and CIS Ole Horpestad on May 23. Horpestad said that Norway shared our concerns about Russian activities in support of separatist elements in South Ossetia and said that Georgia must be able to maintain its territorial integrity. Norwegians will bring these issues up with Russian counterparts. Horpestad said that Norwegian State Secretary Kjetil Skogrand visited Georgia in a recent trip to the Caucasus. Horpestad said that Ossetia did come up during Skogrand's visit, but declined to comment further stating only that Skogrand discussed the issue in Tbilisi. Horpestad added that Norway sees Russian withdrawal from some military bases in the region as a positive step. Visit Oslo's Classified website:
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